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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CAPTION; TAGS)

FOR OPR/ST, INFO OC/S AND SY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASUP ASEC AFAC
SUBJECT: MODIFIED IBM SELECTRIC II TYPEWRITERS

1. POST IS EXPERIENCING A MULTITUDE OF OPERATING PROBLEMS, BOTH MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL, WITH ALL OF THE FIFTEEN (15) SELECTRICS ORDERED ON 31 OCT 77, ORDER NO. 5584-871002. ALL MACHINES, EITHER MODIFIED OR NOT, WHEN USED DAILY ARE SUBJECT TO MOTOR OVERHEATING AND A EXCESS OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. THE LOCAL IBM REPRESENTATIVE, WHO INSTALLED THE MODIFICATION PACKS, INDICATED THAT: (A) THE TYPEWRITER MOTORS SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY ORDERED FOR USE WITH THE 250 VOLT 50 HZL ELECTICAL SYSTEM IN PRETORIA. (B) THE HEAVY FLYWHEEL USED ON THE MODIFIED MOTOR WILL ULTIMATELY LEAD TO MOTOR BEARING FAILURE. (C) THE MOTOR (BOTH FOR THE MODIFIED AND UNMODIFIED) DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT POWER/TORQUE TO OPERATE THE MECHANICAL COMPONENTS OF THE TYPEWRITER FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME WITH THE LOCAL POWER SOURCE.

2. POST HAS RECEIVED ALL OF THE FIFTEEN MODIFICATION KITS. HOWEVER, FOUR OF THESE MOTORS WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECEIVED WITH BENT MOTOR SHAFTS, MAKING THE MODIFICATION OF THE TYPEWRITER UNFEASIBLE. POST WILL BE RETURNING THESE MOTORS TO OPR/ST VIA REGISTERED AIR POUCH.

3. POST WOULD APPRECIATE ANY TECHNICAL ADVICE TO HELP ELIMINATE THESE MOST IRRITATING PROBLEMS. POST WILL FIND IT NECESSARY TO UTILIZE OLD MACHINES, OR

PURCHASE IBM SELECTRICS LOCALLY, IF THESE PROBLEMS
CONTINUE.

4. POST HAS ORDERED FIVE (5) NEW IBM SELECTRICS,
WITH VENDOR INSTALLED MODIFICATION PACKS,
ON 6/20/78, REQUISITION NO. 5584-871019. THIS REQUISITION
SPECIFICALLY CALLS FOR MOTORS THAT ARE 250 VOLT 50 HZ.
IF VENDOR UNABLE TO MEET WITH THIS REQUEST PLEASE ADVISE
ASAP.
EDMONDSON

NOTE BY OC/T: DISTRIBUTIONS TO OC, CCO AND SY TAKE FOR FIRST TIME.

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